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California- Baja California Border Resiliency Plan

Overview

On November 22, 2024, the Board of Directors accepted a \$3 million Caltrans' [Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant](#) to develop the [California-Baja California Border Resiliency Plan \(BRP\)](#). The BRP is a comprehensive, binational plan that prioritizes climate adaptation and resilience of transportation infrastructure within the border region. It will focus on the communities ten miles to the north and south of the border, from the Pacific Ocean east to the California-Arizona border. The BRP will develop strategies and recommendations to address climate stressors and resiliency challenges while strengthening and maintaining binational coordination.

Action: Information

Staff will present an update to the Social Equity Working Group on the California – Baja California Border Resiliency Plan.

Fiscal Impact:

This work is funded through Overall Work Program Project No. 3402101 established by the Board of Directors.

Schedule/Scope Impact:

Caltrans issued a Notice to Proceed in January 2025. Project will be completed by June 2027.

Key Considerations

- The BRP will develop a vetted and prioritized list of strategies, programs, and projects to address climate adaptation challenges affecting communities in the border region and the transportation network serving them. The BRP will identify, document and evaluate existing and planned efforts by federal, state, and local agencies as well as tribal governments to address these challenges and identify potential gaps. It will include a list of priority projects, identify potential lead entities, propose financial strategies for implementation, and recommend metrics for tracking progress on the various efforts.
- Development of the BRP is being led by SANDAG in partnership with Caltrans, the Southern California Association of Governments, and the State of Baja California. This effort is similar and complimentary to work led by Caltrans and the State of Baja California for the [California - Baja California Border Master Plan](#) which focused on transportation infrastructure.
- The BRP will include extensive outreach and collaboration with border region communities, public agencies, academic research institutions, and other community groups. A draft Public Outreach and Engagement Strategy (Attachment 1) and community partner database have been developed that details how we plan to engage our community partners and organizations to gather feedback. Outreach strategies and tools include public surveys, focus groups, and participating in community events to provide opportunities to educate the public on the BRP and seek input from those living in the project area.

Next Steps

Near-term actions include procurement of consultant services to assist in the development of the BRP and community outreach, identification of data and data gaps, and the implementation of the Public Engagement Strategy. Additional outreach will continue over the Fall and Winter, with staff hosting the third binational taskforce meeting in late October and leading targeted focus groups. Staff will bring regular updates on the progress of the grant to the Borders Committee and working groups.

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Attachment: 1. California-Baja California Border Resiliency Plan – Draft Public Outreach and Engagement Strategy